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Dear Bill:

I so very much appreciated your telephone call of several weeks ago, asking me to participate in the meetings sponsored by the American Association for the International Commission of Jurists on December 1 and 2 in Ottawa. As you know, I accepted with great pleasure and anticipation at that time. Now, my schedule has again drastically and dramatically changed. I shall be on the way to three South American countries early Sunday morning, only to return for a short period of time before departing for other distant shores.

I must ask you, therefore, to accept my apologies for begging off, but there is simply no way I can arrange to come. I would like to recommend to you my very capable Deputy, Mark L. Schneider, so please let us know if you would like to have Mark take my place.

All best wishes for a most successful meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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